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SUBJ: EXPORT RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY UPPER VOLTA

REF: STATE 146681

1. THIS MESSAGE RESPONDS TO REFTEL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
ON EXPORT CONTROLS IMPOSED BY GOUV.

2. ALL EXPORTERS ARE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN LICENSE FROM
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE WITH CERTIFICATION BY CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE. UPPER VOLTA IMPOSES SEVERAL TAXES ON EXPORTS FOR
THE PURPOSE OF BRINGING IN ADDITIONAL FISCAL REVENUE.
THESE TAXES CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. EXPORT DUTY - THIS TAX IS IMPOSED ON ALL EXPORTS,
BASED ON THE CIF BORDER PRICE. CATTLE EXPORTS TO EX-WEST
AFRICAN CUSTOMS UNION MEMBERS ARE EXEMPT. AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTS SUCH AS COTTON, GROUNDNUTS, SESAME AND SHEANUTS
ARE ALSO EXEMPT. TAX RATE RANGES FROM 5-25 PER CENT.

B. RESEARCH AND CONDITIONING TAX - LEVIED IN CON-
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JUNCTION WITH THE ABOVE EXPORT DUTY. IT RANGES FROM 0.5 TO

1.0 PER CENT WITH NUMEROUS EXEMPTIONS GRANTED.

C. STATISTICAL TAX - THIS IS LEVIED ON ALL EXPORTS AND AMOUNTS TO 3 PER CENT AD VALOREM.

D. CUSTOMS STAMP TAX - NEWLY IMPOSED TAX (JULY 1975) ON ALL EXPORTS AMOUNTING TO 6 PER CENT OF TOTAL VALUE OF A, B AND C ABOVE.

3. LAW OF SEPTEMBER 1963 PROHIBITS VOLTAN TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND ANY PORTUGUESE COLONIES. LAW OF MAY 1967 FORBIDS TRADE WITH RHODESIA.

4. EFFECT OF THESE EXPORT RESTRICTION MEMASURES ON U.S. TRADE IS MINIMAL. VOLTAN EXPORTS TO U.S. IN 1972 AMOUNTED TO LESS THAN \$25,000.GRAHAM

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